

# STENGER I WINS LITTLE 500

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Black Student Union officers for 1974-75 are (back, left to right), chairman, Vernon Johnson; minister of information, Charlene Bradley; co-chairman, Stanley Saint-Louis; (second row) treasurer, Germaine Leftwich; social chairman, Isaac Thompson; secretary, Wynell Colbert; (front) minister of defense, Rodney Newman.

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### Senate Endorses Proposals On Cafeteria Improvements

Cafeteria improvements, club-of-the-year, and the establishment of a service award for an outstanding senior were the main items of business at the final Student Senate meeting of the year.

At the suggestion of the Student Association Food Committee, the senate endorsed a list of proposals concerning improvements in cafeteria

operations. According to committee chairman Tom O'Donnell (sr.-Drx.), the proposals, "if fulfilled, would benefit the students in regards to cafeteria efficiency, atmosphere, and eating." The proposals are:

1. A meal ticket system: The meal ticket would be permanently attached to the back of the present student I.D. card, entitling the holder to a definite number of meals. This system would limit the number of meals for some students and allow others a greater number of meals at a proportionate price.

2. Facility needs.

a) New dishwasher: The present dishwasher is antiquated and inadequate, and the use of this machine results in dirty silverware, spotted glasses, and general backup in the cleaning area.

b.) Larger fryers: These could be obtained by switching the fryers in the chapel with the much smaller fryers in the Halleck Center kitchen, resulting in increased efficiency and less greasy food.

c.) New filter system: The installation of a new filter system is greatly needed in order to permanently eliminate the salt water problem in the kitchen and cafeteria areas.

d.) More space should be allotted to both the kitchen and cafeteria areas to better accommodate mealtime traffic and service.

The proposals will be directed to the Treasurer's Committee, the Development Committee and the Academic Cabinet for their consideration.

The senate passed a motion by Jane Hills (jr.-Jus.), establishing the Outstanding Senior Award. The award is to be given annually to one senior who has consistently displayed leadership, school spirit, and service throughout his or her college career. The senate will select the nominees, and the winner will be voted upon by the members of the senior class. The winner of the award was announced at the junior-senior dinner dance Apr. 20.

The senate voted the Columbian Players as the 1973-74 Club-of-the-Year. The winner was selected from a list of eight nominees who had submitted resumes to the senate prior to the voting.

A motion to endorse a petition from the Women's Recreation Association concerning women's athletic facilities also was passed by the senate. The endorsement reads: "The Student Senate endorses the women's intramural facilities, with the specific recognition that the basic facilities of locker space and showers must rate with demanding priority in the redevelopment program."

The final business was a motion presented by Ben Sponseller, (sr.-Pwrh.) and passed by the senate concerning a letter directed to college President Fr. Charles Banet, thanking him on behalf of the student body for his work and fund-raising efforts in the redevelopment campaign.

### Froelich, Lavery Lauded For Service

The student body of Saint Joseph's College has determined the 1973-74 recipients of the Wooden Cask and Professor-of-the-Year awards.

Fr. James Froelich has been elected Professor-of-the-Year by student ballot, from a list of faculty nominees prepared by the Academic Affairs Board.

Professor-of-the-Year is primarily an academic award which emphasizes a) participation in Core as a discussion leader, organizer, lecturer; b) expertise and competence of the professor in his given field; c) accessibility to students for academic counseling; and d) participation in extracurricular affairs (such as campus seminars).

Froelich attended Saint Joseph's College but graduated from the University of Dayton in 1951. After his ordination at Saint Charles Seminary in Carthage, Ohio, in 1955 Froelich worked as a parish priest in Louisiana before joining the faculty and staff at Brunnerdale Seminary in Canton, Ohio.

Froelich came to SJC in January, 1971. One year later he received his M.A. from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Formerly director of seminarians here, he is now a lecturer in theology.



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Dennis Lavery was chosen by the Student Senate to receive the Wooden Cask Award. Any member of the SJC faculty, staff or administration is eligible for this award. The final recipient is chosen for a) competence in his position as it benefits Saint

Joseph's; b) non-academic rapport with students and student organizations, and visible presence on campus; and finally c) promotion of the college beyond the campus itself, such as acting in town functions in the name of the college.

Lavery graduated from Saint Joseph's College in 1964 and received his M.A. in English from Valparaiso University in 1968. After teaching in Rensselaer and Gary, Ind., Lavery came to SJC in 1969 as Special Assistant to the Office of Development, a position he still maintains. In addition to being a member of the Department of English, Lavery has been active in raising funds for redevelopment through the "Brick-by-Brick" campaign.

### Posey, Sawicki To Participate In Egyptian Summer Seminar

Dr. John Posey, associate professor of history, and Dr. Florence Sawicki, Chairperson of the Department of Education, have been selected to participate in an eight-week summer seminar (June 10 to Aug. 7) at the University of Cairo, Egypt.

The seminar is sponsored by the Indiana Consortium for International Programs, of which Saint Joseph's College is a member, and is funded by the United States Office of Education. The primary objective of the seminar will be the comparative study of Egyptian and American societies.

Posey and Sawicki, together with Mrs. Helen Watts, Social Studies Coordinator at the Rensselaer Middle School, constitute one of the seven field research teams participating in the program. Each three-person team contains representatives involved in social studies on the college, secondary, and primary levels of education.

Seminar activities will consist of a combination of academic studies at the University of Cairo and field research in various areas of Egypt. The participants will explore such topics as Egypt's modernization, industrialization, social development, and political and economic situation.

"Upon completion of the seminar," says Posey, "members of the field

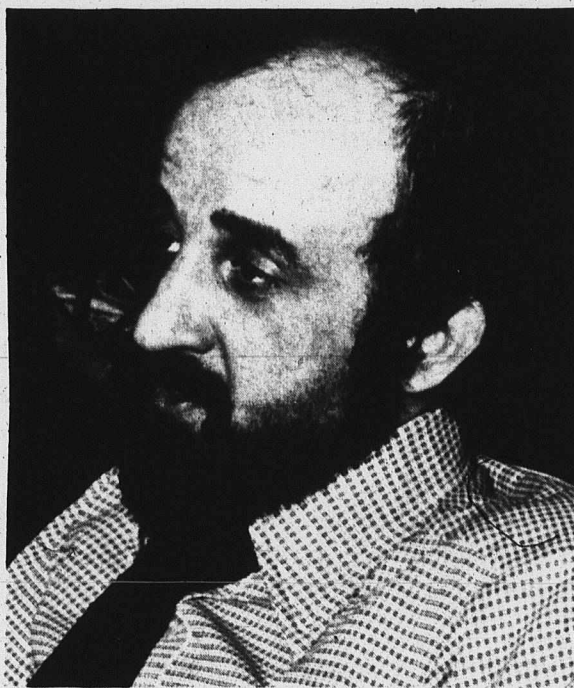
agent teams have a three-year obligation to act as a local agency for collecting and disseminating information and educational material on Egypt to schools in their vicinity. This will include organizing workshops and seminars, particularly in coordination with public high school teachers," Posey adds.

### Hartman Assumes STUFF Editorship

Robin Hartman, (jr.-Noll) has been appointed editor-in-chief of STUFF for 1974-75, announces Charles J. Schuttraw, Director of Public Information and college advisor to STUFF.

Hartman, communications major from Rossford, Ohio, has been a member of the STUFF staff for two years, serving as sports editor during the past year. He has been a consistent writer for the campus News Bureau since his freshman year, and in the past year he has worked as the student assistant director of sports information. Hartman has been a member of the WOWI radio staff for three years.

Continuing as associate editor will be Bonnie Payne, (soph.-Jus.). Hartman assumes his editorial duties with this issue.



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## Open Books

An interesting note which may shed some light on why more student activities, such as movies and bands, were not booked this year is the statement by the Student Association that the SA is currently \$1500 in debt.

Aside from the fact that the Student Association has faced shaky business ventures (ie, refrigerators) in past years, the debt total is a credit to the 1973-74 SA administrators, since they had the unenviable task of trying to wipe out a \$3000 deficit from the year before.

The \$5 raise in student activity fees (from \$15 to \$20), while it could be used for more movies and programs by top groups and individuals, also will have to be channeled toward debt reduction. Students should be aware of the fact that while there is a raise in the fee, inflationary costs and erasing the debt will take a chunk of the increase.

What should be of more importance to students is the past practice of keeping the student body in the dark when it comes to SA finances. We feel strongly that the incoming officers should break with past practice and tell all students where the money is going and why.

The purpose is twofold. One, an explanation of where the money is going creates an atmosphere of open trust between the SA and the student, an openness that is sorely needed in these times of Watergate and closed-door policy decisions. Two, to open the books would stimulate discussion and interest among students who may have their own ideas on how money should be budgeted, what activities they would want to have on campus, what movies should be shown and so on. Overall, telling students straight as to where the money is going could spark interest in student affairs. In other words, a student, perhaps for the first time in his life, would become involved in the affairs of his governing body.

It's an interesting thought, one which can be given a shot at reality if the SA and we students are willing to give it a try.

## Tennessee Power Structure Studied

By SUE GAVIN

Taking a week off in mid-semester and traveling to the mountains of Tennessee might sound unbelievable. But, Dr. Martin Ryan, Chairman of the Department of Sociology, and seven sociology students did just this. On Mar. 14, the group went to Hancock County, Tennessee, to study power and influence in a rural community.

The focus of the team's study was Sneedville, a very rural and isolated area in northeastern Tennessee. As Bill Jonelis, a member of the group, points out, "it's locked away from the rest of the world. You have to want to go there." The mountains present a natural barrier which isolate the people of Hancock County, making them an interesting subject for this type of study.

The object of conducting this power and influence study was to see how individual people in Hancock County use their authority to affect significant issues within the community. The researchers' first step was to obtain a list of "knowledgeables" from which they would begin to gather information about the power structure in the county.

Dr. Thomas Ryan, Dr. Ryan's brother, and field advisor to the Hancock County School System from the University of Tennessee, was the group's connection within Sneedville. He introduced them to their first contacts, who led the team to a list of 21 knowledgeables with which to begin the study.

The research group was divided into four teams of two, and the interviews to be conducted were distributed by area. Individual interviews were usually held in a person's place of business, office, or home, and were

often spontaneous and unplanned. The interviewers were instructed to remain neutral at all times, in order to obtain as much information as possible and retain the confidence of the other interviewers.

Mary Beth Krouse, a participant in the study, says, "a great percentage of the people were cooperative and open." John Porter points out, however, that "the closer to the power structure the person was, the less open he was likely to be."

The initial question asked by the interviewers was, "Who, in your opinion, are the general leaders in Hancock County?" From their contacts throughout the county, the team drew up a total list of 50 knowledgeables, who in turn mentioned many others who they saw to be influential in some local way.

"Our most challenging interview was with a person of high rank in the community. He was leader of the main political party and faction, and it took three-and-a-half days to get contact,"

## Campus Forum

# SJC Students Exhibit 'Cope-Ability'

Dear Editors:

Several years ago while in Boston, I attended a series of very interesting seminars. The panel, made up of educators, sociologists, psychologists, businessmen, theologians and futurists, discussed questions posed in Alvin Toffler's best seller, *Future Shock*.

Throughout the several sessions of the seminar, many diverse views were voiced. However, throughout the discussions

nearly everyone agreed that in our complex, harried, fast-changing world there are certain human traits that allowed those possessing them to better cope with today's world.

These traits, a combination of self-esteem, sense of humor, flexibility and concern for others, seemed to be the preventive remedy for this "present and future shock" brought about by our complex society.

At Saint Joseph's during these past 15 months we have all experienced a good deal of shock and stress. A fire, relocation, inconvenience and hardships caused by the fire, a severe energy crisis and a destructive tornado are some of the more obvious causes. But, as I look back over the past year, I come away with a very lasting impression—the positive reaction of Saint Joseph's students to what has occurred. I am very proud of and pleased with you, the students of Saint Joseph's. You have, time and again, shown those traits of self-esteem, flexibility, concern for others and sense of humor.

You have lived with and tolerated the adversities caused by the fire and the energy problem. The basketball team and the Puma fans gained national attention by their tenacity, sportsmanship and spirit. The Jazz Ensemble has been one of the most sought-after and impressive musical groups involved with the Indiana Arts Commission tour program.

The recent nationwide phone-a-thon fund-raising effort in Chicago set an all-time record because of the enthusiastic participation by Saint Joseph's students. And among the first to respond to the plight of our neighbors, devastated by the tornado, were you, the students.

My list could go on to include many student projects, such as the program for the Jordan School, the Care Center and many, many more. This spirit does not go unnoticed by those most concerned with Saint Joseph's College—our trustees, alumni, friends and benefactors. This spirit is contagious and has a very positive influence on those around us.

In a few years, many of you will be caught up in an even faster-changing, more complex world. But, if you continue to react to situations as you have to those at Saint Joseph's, you'll cope very well and I'm sure will continue to be an example to those around you.

Jerry Gladu  
Vice-President for  
Public Relations and  
Development

## Announce Student Awards; Faculty Members Honored

On the basis of outstanding scholastic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities, Marcella Dreiling (sr.-Jus.) has been named Senior-of-the-Year by Saint Joseph's Alumni Board of Directors.

As a math-music major at Saint Joe's, Ms. Dreiling has compiled a 3.75 cumulative index. She has been extensively involved in the music department as a member of the Glee Club, marching band, concert band and the jazz band. Ms. Dreiling has also been active in the Liturgical Music Committee and as an artist for *Measure*, the campus literary magazine.

Ms. Dreiling was presented with the award at the Apr. 2

Honors and Awards Banquet. The Senior-of-the-Year Award is sponsored annually by the Alumni Board of Directors.

Ms. Dreiling was also the recipient of the Louis B. White Award as the outstanding member of the mixed chorus. She was co-recipient with Leonore Skonecki of the John Heiman Award for excellence both in scholarship and musicianship.

Also honored at the Awards Banquet was Dr. James Kenny,



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recipient of the Fr. Edwin G. Kaiser Faculty Scholar Award. Kenny is the Chairman of the Department of Psychology, Clinical Psychologist, and professor of psychology. He is also a member of several professional organizations: Alpha Sigma Nu, The National Association of Social Workers, The Academy of Certified Social Workers, and the American Psychological Association.

Honored along with Kenny were Fr. Rufus H. Esser, professor of English, and Brother John A. Marling, associate professor of mathematics, for 50 years of distinguished service to the college. Conferred upon them respectively were the honorary degrees of doctor of humane letters and doctor of science.

Other student awards presented at the banquet included: the Ernst and Ernst Scholarship Award for outstanding ability in accounting to Nicholas Schroeder and Joseph A. Laciak.

The Richard L. Kilmer Prize in History for excellence in the study of history was presented to Patrick Lally.

James Moffitt was the recipient of the Adam P. Lesinsky Award for an outstanding member of the band.

For scholarship in finance, John Diederich received the Trustees' Business Award. The Wall Street Journal Award was bestowed upon Richard Briede, and the J. Kevin Woods Memorial Award was presented by the Accounting Club to Jerome Schroeder.

## Letters To The Editors

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the student body for their enthusiastic support and involvement in the Alumni phone-a-thon held during the last week of March. It is clear that the overwhelming success of this year's phone-a-thon is a direct result of the involvement of so many Saint Joe students. The four-night phone-a-thon raised a total of \$48,658 in gifts and pledges for the "Brick-by-Brick" Campus Redevelopment Program. Without the students' help, the total

would have been considerably less.

As so many times in the past, it is extremely encouraging to see the student body show its great concern for Saint Joseph's College. It is through this type of involvement and concern of all the Saint Joseph's College family and friends that the college will prosper.

Sincerely,

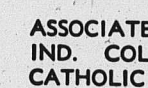
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# Baseball Pumas Split With Valpo To Stay In Reach Of ICC Leaders

Saint Joseph's baseball squad came home from a four-day road trip to Ohio and quickly shook up the standings and statistics in the Indiana Collegiate Conference.

The 7-9 Pumas traveled to Valparaiso Tuesday afternoon and pinned a 7-3 loss on the Crusaders, their first in conference play. Valpo bounced back to win the nightcap, 5-1, putting the Pumas at the .500 mark with a 2-2 conference record.

Saint Joe's four-run first inning in the opener was all that was needed for the win, although Jay McDowell's two-run homer for Valparaiso put a scare into the Puma attack. The Saints came back with three runs in the third, however, and coasted in for the victory.

Mike Lichtfuss picked up his third win in six decisions, coming on in the second inning to relieve Jerry Walsh. Lichtfuss is 2-0 in conference play.

Valparaiso salvaged the day in game two, scoring three runs in the fourth inning and chasing

Puma starter Mark Yogan in the fifth. Saint Joe made the game close at 3-1 in the fifth when Barry Blane tripled and Denny Stitz singled, but Crusader ace Cary Govert snuffed the Pumas' fire and picked up the win. Yogan took the loss for the Pumas.

Traveling through Ohio and Kentucky, Saint Joseph's came back with a 2-3 mark and were victims of close contests.

Opening the trip at Thomas More College, the Saints took the opener, 5-3, but bowed in the second game by 13-12.

Blane received credit for the win, with help from Bill Edwards. Edwards, however, was sacked as the starter for game two, and gave way in the opening stanza to Tim Kuhar, who lasted until the fifth when he was relieved by Lichtfuss. Despite excellent hitting by the Puma batsmen, Thomas More came back in the seventh inning to take the win with Lichtfuss picking up the loss.

Saint Joe took to the road

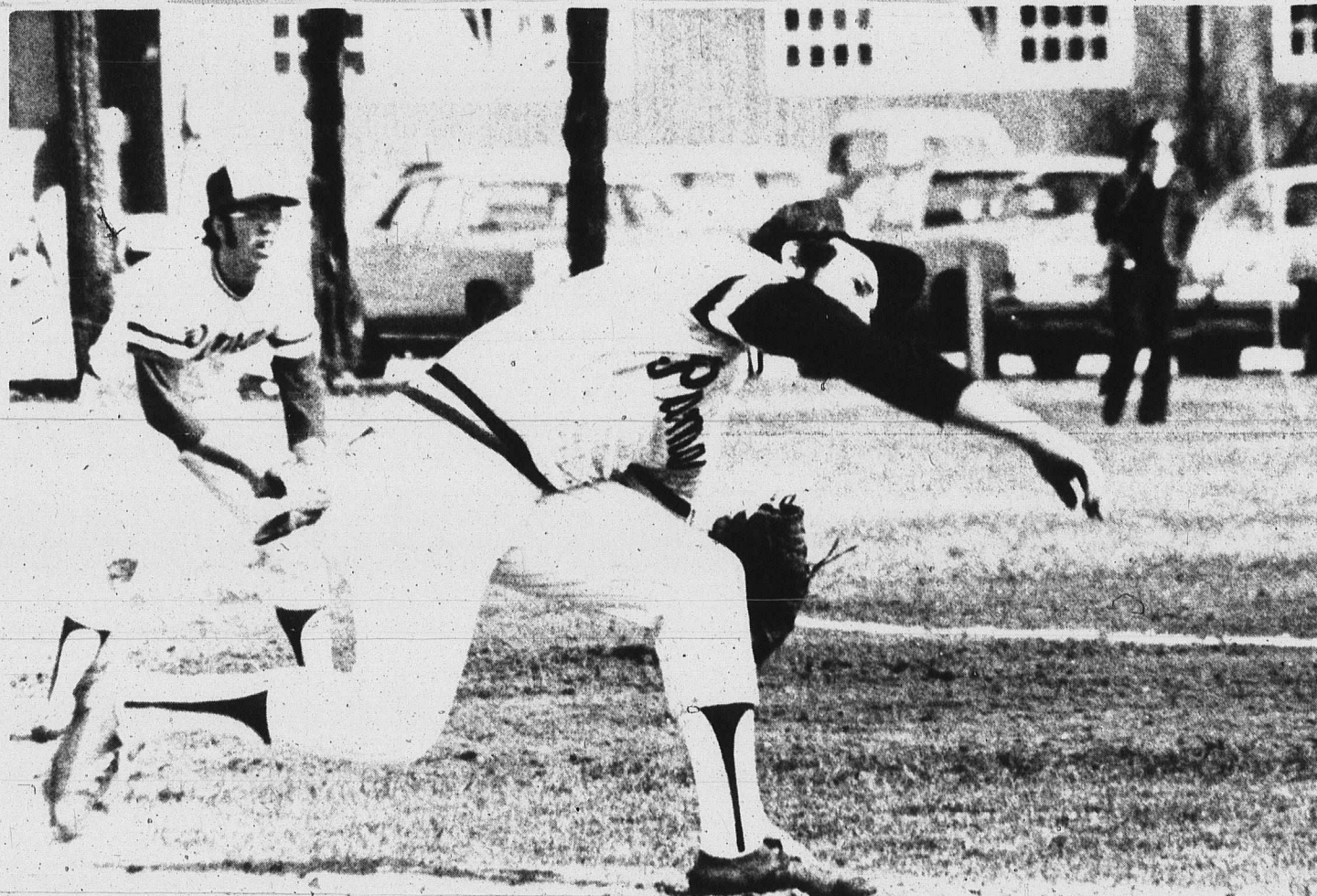
again, this time to Northern Kentucky State, picking up one win in three outings.

The Pumas, despite nine hits and three runs in the seventh, came up short and dropped a 6-4 decision in the three-game series' opener.

Saint Joe rallied from a 6-1 deficit in the seventh, but fell short when Bill Zinser's try for a three-run homer was caught at the fence. Jerry Walsh went the distance and scattered five hits, but took the loss.

Closing the series, the Pumas split with their hosts the following day, winning the opener 8-3 before dropping a heartbreaking 1-0 decision in the second affair.

Yogan got the win, behind a fine 13-hit performance by the Puma offense. Northern Kentucky ace John Wilkerson put the Pumas back in line, however, in game two, limiting Saint Joe to three singles. Wilkerson's efforts overshadowed a good performance by Lichtfuss, who scattered seven hits and went the distance.



Puma hurler Mike Lichtfuss fires toward the plate while Bill Zinser readies for a possible play at first base. As of press time, Lichtfuss holds a 2-0 conference mark as the Pumas ready themselves for a shot at the ICC baseball crown.

## Mt. Union Here In Sept. 14 Game

Saint Joseph's football Pumas will play a first-time-ever opponent here next Sept. 14 when Mount Union College of Alliance, Ohio, pays a visit.

The athletic departments of both schools have wrapped up negotiations between teams of comparable size and schedules.

Mount Union, a member of the Ohio Athletic Conference, enrolls 1300 students and its teams are known as the Purple Raiders. The school is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and is located in Alliance, a northeastern Ohio city with a population of more than 26,000.

Mount Union posted a 3-6-0 record last year and showed marked improvement over the 1-8-0 record of 1972. The Purple Raiders battled college division III champion Wittenberg on even terms for one half this past fall before dropping a 35-17 decision.

## Soccer Squad Nips Butler

Saint Joseph's spring soccer program started (and finished) Apr. 9 as the Puma kickers upended Butler here, 4-3.

After a scoreless first half which saw the Pumas swarming on the Butler goal but failing to connect on any goals, Butler jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first 25 minutes of the final half.

Saint Joe, however, rose to the occasion, scoring four goals in the last 15 minutes of play. Player-coach Rick Nieberding put the Saints on the scoreboard at the 30-minute mark to cut the lead to one, then in rapid-fire succession, Luis Diaz sealed the Bulldogs' fate, firing three goals in eight minutes into the Butler net. Butler ended the scoring with a charge on goal in the final 12 seconds.

Despite the under-500 mark (4-6-1), it was a fruitful year for the squad. Four seniors—

Neto Roser, Roger Gaw, Bob Falloon and Steve Jakubowski—played for the West in the Indiana East-West Soccer Classic (won by the East, 3-1), while the squad played such heady foes as Purdue, Indiana, Grace and Ball State.

Fr. Paul Wellman, Treasurer of Saint Joseph's College, has announced the appointment of Thomas Crowley to the position of internal comptroller and part-time accountant, and John E. Young as superintendent of buildings and grounds.

"Crowley will be of valuable assistance to our management team in the Business Office," says Fr. Wellman, "while I administer the myriad details of

## PUMA PRINTS IM--No Fun Anymore by Robin Hartman

In normal times, when the last issue is put in the mailbox, it is customary to reserve this space so the sports editor can make some final comments on the year gone by. Not to buck tradition, this year is no exception, and it shall be done—right after a few comments.

As the year wears down, the complaints about the IM and WRA programs have risen. Comments to this writer, such as "a major conflict of interest" or "too much personal involvement" or "nobody knows any rules because there are no rules" are becoming commonplace on campus. Let's examine the most common complaints.

The complaint most heard on campus (and the one which affects the most people) has to do with officials and how they are selected to officiate. Most times an official is selected by means which would make anyone worry about fairness: "Do you want to ref the second game tonight?" If the person says yes, then, no matter how lousy he is, he does. On more than one occasion during basketball season, this writer was approached about how to referee a game, as a student who knew nothing about basketball rules was called or approached about officiating. Umpires and officials in all sports were thrust into situations where experience was needed, but never solicited.

The answer would be to train officials and teach the rules of the game. However, if not enough students are found qualified to referee activities, then what happens? The best solution may be found through academics: under classroom supervision, organize an officiating class where students are taught the rules of the game, and can display what they know in a lab format, which would be the IM and WRA activities. The student-official would be getting credit for his work, the number of complaints would drop (as long as there are officials, there will always be complaints) and students could be preparing themselves for a very lucrative career as an official. (What would happen if a Puma fan agreed with an official?)

The two other major complaints get more personal and more touchy. The "conflict of interest" idea is not new, but is still serious. The main complaint involves the program heads playing in an activity (the major complaint was in softball).

While it can be said that IM student leaders are, after all, students, and should be allowed to compete just like any other student, they also have to make decisions regarding rule interpretations, protests of games, deciding officials, and so on. If the people who run the program want to play too, they should let someone else do the decision-making and leave it alone.

Somewhat affiliated with conflict of interest but more on its own is the problem of how much one should get involved in the program he or she is working with. There is always a fine point of balance with personal involvement, whether it be running an intramural program or writing a sports column. Just as there are problems with too much involvement, hassles also crop up when there is too little action.

Personally speaking, someone who is always on the scene is better than someone who may never be there. But leaders in both programs must be aware that personal involvement could bring up conflict-of-interest questions, such as playing in a game or coaching a team or working in another activity.

What have been discussed here may not be workable solutions for the department. They certainly are not the only ones. It may be necessary for next year's student heads of intramural activities to go to the students to find out what workable solutions can be found for the IM problems and, at the same time, return to the philosophy that intramural play is fun, and not win-at-all-costs.

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Believe it or not, other things happened on campus besides the basketball team playing the NCAA tournament. The football team defeated the Old-Timers, 7-0, in the mud and established a start toward a lofty status in the ICC grid wars next season. . . Soccer is still a club sport, but it may be a conference sport if enough interest can be found among the league reps. . . The baseball squad won two of four encounters against tough league foes in Evansville and Valparaiso, and finally may have an important part to play in the conference outcome. . . Women (girls, if you're a male chauvinist) are allowed to compete in non-contact, conference activities with the men next year . . . and finally, the WOW! crew made it through Terre Haute without wrecking a car on a chuckhole.

It's been a labor of love, and I am thankful for your help, suggestions and criticism. See you next year.

## Crowley, Young Appointed To College Staff

the extensive remodeling that is part of the Redevelopment Program that soon gets under way at Saint Joseph's."

Crowley received a B.S. in accounting at Saint Joseph's in 1966 and his M.A.S. degree from the University of Illinois in 1968. That same year he became a licensed C.P.A. in the State of Illinois. He joined Saint Joseph's teaching staff in 1968 and is an assistant professor of accounting.

Young received his B.S. and A.M. degrees from the University of Missouri in 1954 and 1963 respectively. He is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Iowa. He was assistant professor of chemistry at Saint Joseph's from 1969-72, then joined the Hamilton (Ohio) Community School system to teach chemistry, physics, general science and general mathematics to grades 9-12.





## Accidents Shorten Race; Cuney, Zingaro Triumph

By EILEEN MCGINNITY

The Stenger I, piloted by drivers Dan Cuney (jr.-Swt.) and Joe Zingaro (jr.-Swt.), streaked to victory in one of SJC's more unusual Little 500 races.

Students and alumni lined the track to catch some rays and watch the first 500 race ever to be cut short. Race fans picnicked on the lawns, alumni exchanged greetings, and spectators milled about the track as the kart that placed first in time trials came through to win the real thing.

The day's events began shortly before noon, when Chief Pit Steward Tom Jackson and Special Assistant Al Torok lined up the karts according to their showings in the time trials, held Apr. 6. The Stenger I was first on the track, having broken the standing track record with a trial time of 1:05.2.

Grand Marshal Fr. Charles Banet, and Little 500 Queen Elaine Arnzen (fr.-Jus.) led the formation in the yellow convertible pace car. Tension mounted in the pits and the crowds pressed nearer to the fences as the double line of karts filed slowly around the track. The drivers, restraining themselves as they came out of the final pace lap turn, leapt across the starting line as Dexter Fukuda twirled the green flag. The karts flash-

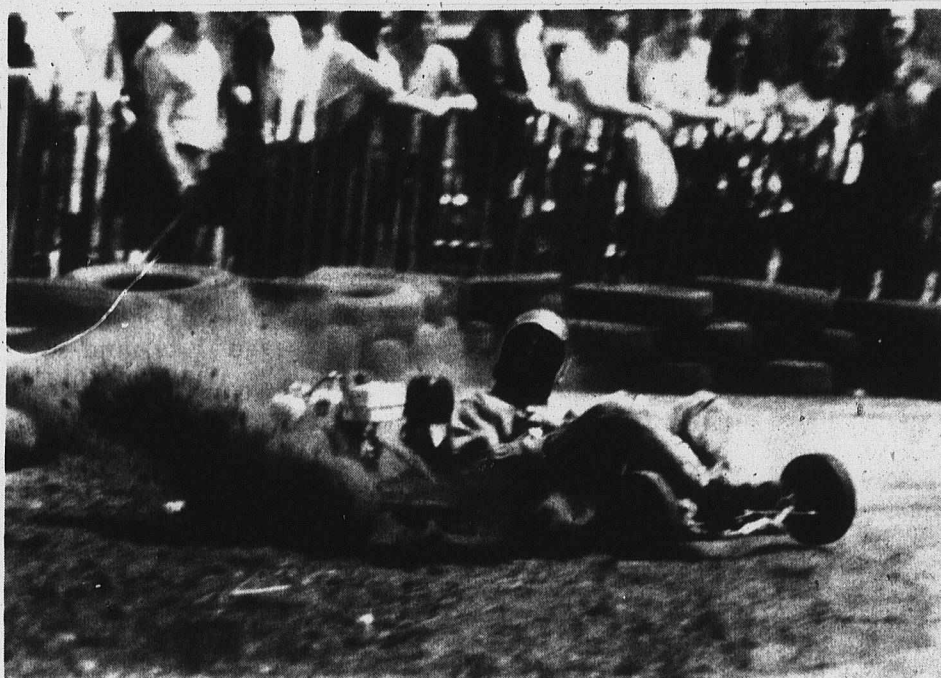
ed down the stretch in a flurry of noise and color, and the 1974 Little 500 was on.

The race promised to be faster this year because the entire track was paved and engines were more sophisticated than last year. The new asphalt, however, was partially responsible for the oil slick on the third turn that caused drivers to skid early in the race. The curbing on the track proved to be an additional hazard, even though each curb was protected with a tire and curbs on the turns were removed and replaced by hay bales and tires.

Spectators barely had time to accustom their ears to the drone of the kart engines when the Justin Special (50) catapulted into the fence in front of Gallagher. Driver Debbie Ray (sr.-Jus.) escaped serious injury, but the kart was out of the running. Dorothy Colgan also came through uninjured when her kart, Little Willie (9), met with a curb and jumped the track. Little Willie lacked Ms. Colgan's luck and was unable to finish the race.

Bill Haworth (sr.) found that go-karts can become airborne when his car flipped in front of Powerhouse. Again, the driver escaped serious injury but Vet's II (2) was out of the race.

The accidents didn't mar the race's atmosphere, though. Beau-



tiful weather and a fast track kept drivers and fans alike in high spirits throughout the afternoon, despite the ever-present yellow "accident" flag.

The race was delayed unexpectedly at about 1:30 p.m., when kart 25, driven by Kevin Banet (fr.-Ben.), had a serious accident in the S-curve. The red flag appeared immediately, signalling all karts off the track.

Ray McDonald (sr.-Gal.), Little 500 Chairman, and Assistant Chairman Bob Meany (sr.-Noll) assembled all drivers at the announcer's table to warn them of the oil slicks building on turns two and three. According to Meany, drivers were cautioned not to pass in these turns to avoid skidding into the curbs, and were told to restrict passing to the straightaways. McDonald and Meany informed drivers at this time that another bad acci-

dent would result in the race's termination. Race officials, Meany said, feared a serious pileup involving several karts could occur, causing serious injury to one or more drivers. With these instructions, the drivers returned to their karts for the re-start.

Anyone who missed the first start was treated to an instant replay as Jackson and Torok lined the karts up for the re-start. This time, the karts assembled in order of their standing at the time the race was interrupted. The pace car crept around the track as drivers strained to get the race underway. Rounding the last turn, the pace car pulled off, the green flag flew, and the race began again at 2:20 p.m.

Spectators, undaunted by the delay, continued to follow the race from the lawns or bleachers, or listened to WOWI's broadcast coverage of the race action. In contrast to last year, this year's pit crews saw little action. Most karts left the race permanently because of damage resulting from accidents, rather than from engine or body malfunction.

At 2:55 p.m., drivers and fans were surprised to see the white flag out, indicating the five-minute count-down until the end of the race. Jim Pittacora (jr.-Gal.), driving kart 24, was out of the race after an accident in the third turn. Ray McDonald ended the race an hour before schedule, primarily to avoid further serious accidents and/or injuries.

As the checkered flag came down over the finish line, the Stenger I was in the lead with 105 laps. Dan Cuney drove the kart on a victory lap around the track, carrying the traditional black and white flag with him. The awards were presented at the announcer's table in front of Halas. In fifth place with 99

laps was 33, the Firestone-sponsored Manfire, driven by Jay Hearty (sr.-Noll) and David Hoehn (jr.-Aqu.). Kevin Pierce (fr.-WSF.) and Larry Howard (fr.-WSF.) placed fourth with 100 laps in kart 18, the May Harris Special. Fourth and fifth-place winners were awarded trophies.

The Kid's Kart (29), driven by Paul Ostrowski (jr.-Ben.) and Joe Corsaro (jr.-Ben.), tied with kart 39 at 101 laps apiece, but 29 crossed the finish line after 39. The third place winners received \$150 and trophies. Bill Russell of Rensselaer and Jerry Vahary (soph.-Gal.) piloted kart 39 to a second-place finish, and were awarded trophies and \$300.

Cuney, Zingaro, and Stenger I pit crew members Mark Hoying (jr.-Swt.), Dan Mangen (jr.-Swt.), and Steve Meyer (fr.-Swt.) received trophies and a first-place team trophy, and \$500 cash.

Following the award presentations, winning teams dismantled their kart engines in keeping with Little 500 regulations, while race fans dispersed and officials dismantled the track.

But Little 500 didn't end there. Sunburned spectators donned something other than jeans and flannel shirts to attend the formal dinner dance, and saw Dan O. Bradley (sr.-Ben.) receive the Outstanding Senior Award. When the formal soiree was over, Pumas young and old joined the boogie at Halleck cafeteria and sweated to the tunes of the New Colony Six. Accidents and delays were temporarily forgotten and most people there cut loose for the last weekend of the semester. Little 500 will undoubtedly undergo some serious revisions next year, but for this year at least, it provided a fitting and enjoyable end for the 1973-74 school year.

